2. Rs. 150 lakhs for upgradation and strengthening of emergency facilities at District Hospital, Shahjahanpur during the year 2004-05.

Uttaranchal

1. Rs. 150 lakhs for upgradation and strengthening of emergency facilities of Doon Hospital, Dehradun during the year 2002-03.
2. Rs. 150 lakhs for upgradation and strengthening of emergency facilities of Goverdhan Tiwari Base Hospital, Almora during the year 2002-03.
3. Rs. 150 lakhs for upgradation and strengthening of emergency facilities at District Hospital, Gopeshwar, District Chamoli during the year 2003-04.

Reviewing NACO

3460. SHRI DATTAMEGHE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the slow pace of functioning of National AIDS Control Organization (NACO);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have asked some renowned organization like-IIM, Ahmedabad and Bangalore, John Hopkins University, Tata Consultancy Services and Mckinsey to review and assess India's premier AIDS control agency;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) by when the report of these organizations is likely to be received;

(f) whether it is a fact that NACO lacks professionalism; and

(g) if so, the measures taken by Government to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) The National AIDS Control Organization (NACO) is a dedicated wing of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. However, HIV/AIDS is not merely a public

health issue but a socio economic challenge faced by the country. Govt, is taking all the necessary measures to combat the disease Sentinel Surveillance of HIV/AIDS is being done annually. Operationalizations of National AIDS Prevention and Control Policy 2002 and National Blood Policy 2002 have been done. Prevention, care and support services have been expanded. Programme has built strong, strategic partnerships to harness diverse service delivery capabilities, distribution networks and resources.

(c) and (d) Govt, has planned an Independent Evaluation of National AIDS Control Programme. Institute of Health Management and Research (IHMR), Jaipur, MM, Calcutta and John Hopkins University, USA have been identified for this evaluation.

(e) These agency will initiate the work with in a period of 6 months and take about 4 to 6 months in completing the work from date of starting the work.

(f) No, Sir.

(g) Does not arise.

Causes for increase in dengue cases

†3461. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of patients suffering from dengue is on the rise for the past three months in National Capital Territory, Delhi;

(b) if so, the number of cases of dengue reported, so far, alongwith the number of dengue patients in other States;

(c) the details of patients who have died of this disease; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that for lack of proper arrangement in hospitals in Delhi, the patients of dengue have died in a large number?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY-WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKALAKSHMl): (a) to (c) The number of cases and deaths reported in National Capital Territory of Delhi for the last three months are given below:—'

Month	Cases	Deaths
September	159	1

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.